

Report of D. Thompson

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DT/Schultz

In company with James Russell, I interviewed George Shultz at his farm in Franklin Township, N. J. In addition to farming Shultz does some horse shoeing business. He informed me that he knew Mrs. Jane Gibson; that the last time he saw her was about the middle of June, 1922 when she was at his place to have him put shoes on her mule, Jennie. He claims that he was not approached by Mrs. Gibson at any time with the proposition that he corroborate her story. He had heard that she had tried to get certain persons to do so and when I asked the source of his information, he said that he had read in the newspapers that she had endeavored to get Sipel to testify. I am satisfied that Shultz has no first hand information.

I proceeded to the Russell house and spent about two hours with James Russell and Nellie Lo Russell, his wife. Mrs. Russell reiterated the story which she had previously told and which is embodied in her affidavit of November 10th, 1922, a copy of which you handed me some time ago.

In addition, Mrs. Russell states that two years ago last July (1924), Mr. Goffman, who resides in the big house on the Johnson & Johnson farm was driving along the road in front of her place and stopped to ask her how she was making out with her trouble with Jane Gibson. She replied that everything was turning out all right. At this point, Robert Erling, who was on the wagon with Goffman asked Mrs. Russell what lawyer was representing her. She replied that she had none. After some general conversation, they drove away.

Later the same day, she again met Erling at the slaughter house down on the main road. At that time Erling requested her to let you know that he was on DeRussey's Lane on the night of the murder. He told her at that time that on the night of September 14th, 1922, he and a lady friend had been out of New Brunswick to a ball game or some similar event and returning reached the vicinity of DeRussey's Lane and Easton Avenue just about dusk. He drove into the lane a short distance and parked his car. The young lady got out and walked around for a few moments and at about this time Jane Gibson drove out from the bushes on her mule and came onto the Lane a short distance from his car. He knew her and not wanting her to recognize him, he switched off his head lights. She proceeded on up the Lane and he backed out to Easton Avenue and came on into New Brunswick. That there were other cars in the Lane at the time he was there. He further informed her that on one occasion he started with a friend of his to call at Mrs. Hall's home to inform her as to the time of the evening he had seen Mrs. Gibson on DeRussey's Lane. Both of them had been drinking and on the way got into some trouble with the result that they were taken to the Police Station and held there over night.

Mrs. Russell claims that she asked Erling if he had seen Mr. Mills around the Lane that night. He hesitated for a moment and replied that he would tell you his story when he saw you.

Mrs. Russell says that she did not notify you at once but went to Ocean Grove, N. J. On her return she was informed by Mrs. Strubey, a colored lady who lives in a small house on the